

WRITERS IN SOVIET REPORTED IN PLEA

London Journal Gets Appeal Ascribed to Intellectuals

LONDON, Feb. 10 (AP) —

An unsigned pamphlet purporting to come from a group of youthful Soviet intellectuals calls on the West for help for Russian culture.

The editors of a literary and political journal in England called Grani made public a document said to come from an organization in the Soviet Union called SMOG. This group is reported to have staged demonstrations in Moscow calling for freedom of speech.

The Soviet group is described as a society of young poets, artists and writers. Its initials are said to stand for the Russian words for audacity, thought, image, intensity. The group says its aim is to bring a rebirth of Russian culture. The document published by Grani, with a notation, "Please publish in the Western press," said:

"Our soul is needed by our nation, by our great and unique nation. We are the sapling of the future that grows in fertile soil. But our soul hurts. It is hard for it to struggle within the prison walls of our body. It is time to set it free.

"Today we are fighting desperately against everyone, from the Komsomol [Young Communist League] to the man of the street, from secret police to the petty bourgeois, from incompetence to ignorance — everything is against us.

"We turn to the Free World, which has more than once shown its concern for culture in Russia. Give us help. Don't allow young saplings to be crushed underfoot by heavy boots."

Grani said SMOG organized a demonstration for freedom of speech on April 14, 1965, in Moscow. All demonstrations were reported arrested, but later released.

Another demonstration was said to have been held Dec. 5, 1965 to demand an open trial for the two writers, Andrei D. Sinyavsky and Yuli M. Daniel, who went on trial today, on charges of anti-Soviet writing.

As a result of the December demonstration, it was reported three other writers — two poets and a prose writer — were arrested and certified as insane.

The organization is reported to publish inside the Soviet Union a series of independent literary and poetry anthologies.